

Clinical Experience

The clinical experience presents a unique learning opportunity and provides greater interaction with other members of the healthcare team. The experience should be structured to expose the learner to a wide continuum of patient care. The goal should be to provide a higher level of knowledge about various patient conditions and medical knowledge. The CE provider must have predefined objectives and measurement instruments to document the various learning experiences in order to issue appropriate continuing education credit.

The clinical experience may include, but should not be limited to:

- Assisting with patient care and performing skills and procedures within the EMS provider's scope of practice
- Attending physician rounds
- Accompany respiratory therapy and IV team and participate in procedures within scope of practice
- Accompanying an emergency patient to the operating room, labor and delivery, ICU/CCU, etc.
- Assisting with initial emergency department triage
- Attending various emergency diagnostic procedures such as CT scans, MRIs, heart catheterizations
- Attending an autopsy

Prediscussion is mandatory to define objectives and ensure that a structured clinical experience is provided. Prediscussion may only be held with the CE Provider's program director or clinical director.

The objectives listed on the "Clinical Experience CE Documentation" form may be used or other objectives substituted that may be more pertinent to meet the needs of the learner

Documents required for obtaining continuing education credit:

The Paramedic or EMT-I must complete the following in order to receive continuing education credit:

- The "Results of Experience" section for each objective prediscussed. The comments must reflect the experience and how the objective was met to appropriately document the learning experience.
- Clinical preceptor evaluation